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April 9, 2021

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors we write in strong support of funding for the Sports Park Reconstruction Project at Lakeland Village Community Center, and the efforts to build a nearby trailhead for the Butterfield Historic Trail that passes in front of the Center. The Lakeland Village Community Center strives to enhance the quality of life for the community through youth sporting activities, classes for local artists, and community events.

The County of Riverside has been working on multiple improvements to the main part of the campus, and the Center has served as a location for the Boys and Girls Club since the closure of their previous site. While the buildings and hardscape are being updated and improved, there is no usable green space or open fields on site. The original Butterfield School had two baseball fields in the area just above the main buildings, but the fields have long been neglected, and are not currently suitable for sports or any other public activity or event. We are proposing an artificial playing surface, so the facility will not become another major consumer of water, and long-term maintenance costs will be lower than attempting to care for a natural grass field. There are not any other publicly available baseball or sport fields in the unincorporated areas of Lake Elsinore, and the community does not have other recreational facilities available. The area of Lakeland Village is considered a low-income area and has previously been determined to be CDBG eligible.

The trailhead project is nearby, and is intended to connect trails in the Cleveland National Forest with a segment of the Butterfield Historic Trail, which was studied in a previous grant from the National Park Service, and is part of a larger effort by NPS to designate the complete trail system from St Louis to San Francisco as a National Historic Trail. It is our hope that you give this project your favorable consideration.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these related projects.

Sincerely,

Karen Spiegel
Chair, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Jeff Hewitt
Vice Chair, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Date: April 8, 2021



Congressman Ken Calvert
400 S Vicentia Ave, Suite 125
Corona, CA 92882

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am writing to you today in the hopes that you would include the Sports Park Reconstruction Project at Lakeland Village Community Center as one of your "Community Project Funding" requests to Congress.

Studio 395 is the non-profit community organization that has served as the operator of the Lakeland Village Community Center on behalf of the County of Riverside since 2017. Our organization's broader mission is to "to improve quality of life for the community, to enhance the area via public art projects, as well as to provide programs where all can experience and engage in art and culture and to provide opportunities for local artists to inspire and create." Offering classes, programs, and community events at the Center has helped us fulfill that mission.

The County of Riverside has been working on multiple improvements to the main part of the campus, and the Center has served as a location for the Boys and Girls Club since the closure of their previous site. While the buildings and hardscape are being updated and improved, there is no usable green space or open fields on site. The original Butterfield School had two baseball fields in the area just above the main buildings, but the fields have long been neglected, and are not currently suitable for sports or any other public activity or event. We have attempted to partner with other local organizations to fix the fields, but have so far been unsuccessful, as the costs are beyond what our community groups can afford. To plant or sod the field would likely require completely replacing the irrigation system, and maintenance and watering of grass and the irrigation system would add new overhead expenses we cannot afford. That is why we are proposing that an artificial playing surface be installed, so that we won't become another major consumer of water, and our long-term maintenance costs will be lower than attempting to care for a natural grass field.

There are not any other publicly available baseball fields in the unincorporated areas of Lake Elsinore, and our community does not have a lot of recreational opportunities available. We are considered a low income area, and have previously been determined to be CDBG eligible.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Lakeland Village Ballfields Funding Request

Dear Congressman Calvert,

Thank you for your consideration of our most recent request regarding the support of funding to be used for the restoration and construction of new sports ballfields at Lakeland Village Community Center in our County of Riverside. The renewal of these fields would serve to enhance the Lakeland Village Community Center by providing added recreational activities for the families of this low-income region of our County.

The County of Riverside Department of Facilities Management would work to complete and deliver the ballfields and field amenity improvements within twelve months of receiving the \$1,500,000 in funds that are necessary to complete the project. We truly appreciate all that you do to improve the quality of life throughout our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Salgado".

Rose Salgado
Director of Facilities Management

CC: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, District 1
Jeffrey Van Wagenen, Chief Executive Officer

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